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in Nairobi

on 28 November 1972

ASSOCIATION BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY AND THE
PARTNER STATES OF THE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY

PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE OF THE ASSOCIATION

The Chairman

Nairobi,

29 November 1972

Mr Walter Behrendt,
President of the European Parliament,
Centre europeen du Kirchberg,
Luxembourg.

Dear Mr President,

I have the honour to inform you that the Parliamentary Committee provided for in Article 29 of the Association Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Partner States of the East African Community held at its first meeting in Nairobi on 27 and 28 November 1972.

The Committee was composed of three Members for each of the Partner States and nine Members of your Assembly.

The meeting was attended by:

- Hon. J.C.N. Osogo, President-in-Office of the EEC/EAC Association Council, Minister for Commerce and Industry of the Republic of Kenya
- Mr T.E. Westerterp, President-in-Office of the Council of the European Communities
- Hon. R.J. Ouko, East African Community Minister for the Common Market and Economic Affairs
- Mr H.B. Krohn, Director-General at the Commission of the European Communities.

The delegations adopted, first of all, the Rules of Procedure of the Parliamentary Committee, a copy of which I have pleasure in attaching hereto. The Committee then set up its Bureau. Hon. Nydolo Ayah, Member of the Kenya National Assembly, was elected Chairman and Mr L. Fellermaier, Member of the European Parliament, Vice-Chairman.

After having heard a statement by the President-in-Office of the Association Council, who reported on the activities of the Council and touched on various matters relating to the future of the Arusha Association, the Committee discussed at great length current aspects of the Association and prospects of future development. At the close of the discussion, the Parliamentary Committee adopted the text of the resolution enclosed herewith.

With regard to the date of the next meeting, it was decided that it should be held in Europe during the second half of 1973, on a date to be jointly agreed upon by the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman. It was also decided that as from the next meeting the new Committee would be composed of four representatives for each of the Parliaments of the three Partner States and 12 Members of your Assembly.

Please accept, Mr President, the assurance of my deepest consideration.

W. Ndolo Ayah

RESOLUTION

The Parliamentary Committee of the EEC/EAC Association,

- having met in Nairobi on 27 and 28 November 1972, in accordance with Article 29 of the Association Agreement between the EEC and the Partner States of the East African Community;
- having noted the statements made by the Association Council as well as by the Council and Commission of the European Communities and the East African Minister for Common Market and Economic Affairs;

I. With regard to the functioning of the Association

1. Notes that a dialogue has been initiated between the EEC and the Partner States within the joint bodies of the Association, which should enable cooperation to be adjusted to changing situations in the areas covered by the Agreement;
- 2 Is pleased that in setting up this parliamentary body, the Association has now fully completed its institutional structure;
- 3 Records that both the Council and the Association Committee - each in its particular sphere - have carried out, from the moment the Association came into force, useful work, also in connection with matters which, although outside the scope of the Agreement, have a bearing on the development of the Association;
- 4 Approves the decisions taken by the Council to promote the development of trade within the Association, with particular reference to the marketing in the EEC of maize and tinned pineapple from East Africa, and notes the efforts made on either side to find short-term

compromises in sectors that are particularly sensitive to the economies of the Partner States;

5. Hopes that a flexible interpretation of the Agreement will permit the maximum possibilities to be achieved, with particular reference to coffee and cloves, as has been the case for the interim agreement reached regarding tinned pineapple.
6. Notes with regret that East African exports to the EEC stagnated in 1970 and 1971, although it observes that this trend was reversed during the first months of 1972, and invites the Association Council to consider means of remedying such stagnation.

II. With regard to future relations between the EEC and the East African Partner States

7. Notes that from 1973 the enlarged EEC will be confronted with increased responsibility towards the developing countries;
8. Notes that, from 1973, the exports of the Partner States to the enlarged EEC will represent a substantial part of their total exports;
9. Is aware of the significance of the three options contained in the offer made by the enlarged EEC to the Partner States and the other African States in the Commonwealth with a view to enabling them to shape the relations they might wish to establish with the EEC from 1975;
10. Trusts that the Partner States will be in a position to indicate their views on this matter in time for the negotiations on the renewal of the Association Agreements between the EEC and the Partner States to be started, as scheduled, in August 1973;
11. Notes the concern of the Partner States that any future arrangements of the Association should take into account the desire of the Partner States to export to Europe their manufactured and semi-manufactured goods.
12. Requests its Chairman to forward this Resolution to the EEC/EAC Association Council, to the European Parliament and to the Parliaments of the Partner States, to the Council and the Commission of the European Communities, to the East African Ministers and the East African Legislative Assembly.

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RESOLUTION

de la

commission parlementaire de l'association

C.E.E.—Afrique de l'Est

adoptée à Nairobi

le 28 novembre 1972

Association entre la C.E.E. et
les Etats associés de la Communauté de l'Afrique de l'Est
COMMISSION PARLEMENTAIRE DE L'ASSOCIATION
- Le Président -

Nairobi,
le 29 novembre 1972

Monsieur Walter BEHRENDT
Président du Parlement européen
Centre européen du Kirchberg
LUXEMBOURG

Monsieur le Président,

J'ai l'honneur de vous informer que la commission parlementaire prévue à l'article 29 de l'Accord d'association entre la Communauté économique européenne et les Etats associés de la Communauté de l'Afrique de l'Est, s'est réunie pour la première fois à Nairobi, les 27 et 28 novembre 1972.

La commission était composée de trois membres par Etat associé et de neuf membres de votre Assemblée.

Etaient présents à la réunion :

- M. J.C.N. Osogo, Président du Conseil de l'Association CEE-Afrique de l'Est, ministre du Commerce et de l'Industrie de la République du Kenya
- M. T.E. Westerterp, Président en exercice du Conseil des Communautés européennes
- M. R.J. Ouko, ministre de la Communauté de l'Afrique de l'Est pour le Marché commun et les Affaires économiques
- M. H.B. Krohn, Directeur Général à la Commission des Communautés européennes.

Les délégations ont tout d'abord adopté les règles de procédure de la commission parlementaire, dont j'ai le plaisir de vous envoyer ci-joint une copie. La commission a ensuite désigné son bureau. M. Ndolo Ayah, membre de l'Assemblée nationale du Kenya, a été élu président, M. L. Fellermaier, membre du Parlement européen, vice-président.

Après avoir entendu un rapport présenté par le Président en exercice du Conseil d'Association sur les activités du Conseil et sur diverses questions ayant trait à l'avenir de l'Association, la commission a longuement discuté des problèmes auxquels celle-ci se trouve confrontée dans l'immédiat et des perspectives de son développement futur. A l'issue du débat, la Commission parlementaire a adopté la résolution ci-jointe.

En ce qui concerne la date de la prochaine réunion, il a été décidé qu'elle aurait lieu en Europe pendant le second semestre de 1973, à une date à fixer d'un commun accord par le président et le vice-président. Il a été également décidé qu'à partir de la prochaine réunion la nouvelle commission serait composée de quatre représentants pour chacun des parlements des trois Etats associés et de 12 membres de votre Assemblée.

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(s) W. Ndolo Ayah

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RESOLUTION

La commission parlementaire de l'Association entre la Communauté économique européenne et la Communauté de l'Afrique de l'Est,

- réunie à Nairobi les 27 et 28 novembre 1972, conformément à l'article 29 de l'Accord d'association entre la CEE et les Etats partenaires de la Communauté de l'Afrique de l'Est;
- ayant pris connaissance des communications faites par le Conseil d'association, par le Conseil et la Commission des Communautés européennes et par le Ministre est-africain du Marché commun et des Affaires économiques;

I. en ce qui concerne le fonctionnement de l'association

1. prend acte qu'un dialogue s'est instauré entre la CEE et les Etats partenaires au sein des institutions paritaires de l'association, ce qui devrait permettre d'adapter la coopération à l'évolution des situations dans les divers domaines couverts par l'accord;
2. se réjouit que, par la constitution de cet organe parlementaire, la structure institutionnelle de l'association ait été entièrement mise en place;
3. constate que, chacun en ce qui le concerne, le Conseil et le Comité d'association ont déployé, dès la mise en vigueur de l'association, une activité fructueuse, touchant également à des questions qui, sans être prévues par l'accord, ont des influences sur l'évolution de l'association;
4. approuve les décisions prises par le Conseil pour stimuler le développement des échanges au sein de l'association, notamment en ce qui concerne l'écoulement dans la CEE du maïs et des conserves d'ananas provenant de l'Afrique de l'Est, et prend acte des efforts réalisés de

part et d'autre pour trouver des compromis à court terme dans les secteurs particulièrement sensibles pour l'économie des Etats partenaires;

5. espère qu'une interprétation souple de l'accord permettra de réaliser au maximum les possibilités, notamment en ce qui concerne le café et les clous de girofle, comme cela a été le cas pour l'accord intérimaire relatif aux conserves d'ananas;
6. note avec regret que les exportations de l'Afrique de l'Est vers la CEE ont marqué une stagnation en 1970 et 1971, tout en observant que cette tendance s'est renversée dans les premiers mois de 1972, et invite le Conseil d'association à étudier les raisons de cette stagnation, afin d'y porter remède;

II. en ce qui concerne les relations futures entre la CEE et les Etats partenaires de l'Afrique de l'Est

7. relève qu'à partir de 1973, la CEE élargie devra faire face à une responsabilité accrue à l'égard des pays en voie de développement;
8. note qu'à partir de 1973 les exportations des Etats partenaires vers la CEE élargie représenteront une part substantielle de leurs exportations globales ;
9. est consciente de la signification des trois options contenues dans l'offre faite par la Communauté élargie aux Etats partenaires et aux autres Etats africains du Commonwealth, en vue de régler les relations qu'ils estimeraient opportun d'établir avec la CEE à partir de 1975;
10. s'attend à ce que les Etats partenaires seront en mesure de faire connaître leurs orientations à ce sujet en temps utile pour que les négociations sur le renouvellement des accords d'association entre la CEE et les Etats partenaires puissent commencer comme prévu dès août 1973;
11. prend acte de la préoccupation des Etats partenaires que toutes dispositions que l'association pourrait prendre à l'avenir tiennent compte du désir des Etats partenaires d'exporter vers l'Europe leurs produits manufacturés et semi-manufacturés;
12. charge son président de transmettre la présente résolution au Conseil d'Association de l'Afrique de l'Est, au Parlement européen et aux parlements des Etats partenaires, au Conseil et à la Commission des Communautés européennes, aux Ministres est-africains et à l'Assemblée législative de la Communauté de l'Afrique de l'Est.